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SLOWING IT DOWN

City votes to lower the speed limit around junior high schools, but is it enough? metroNEWS

City plans to put back alley issues behind them

COUNCIL VOTE

\$500K approved for preliminary work on 764 kms of laneway



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

City planners can now begin work on fixing Edmonton's faulty back alleys, but some residents might not see smooth laneways for a few years to come.

"That's the reality for a lot (of alleys) as we ramp up this program," said deputy city manager Adam Laughlin, who's responsible for infrastructure, during city council Tuesday.

City council voted unanimously to approve funds of \$500,000 to kick-start preliminary work on repairing Edmonton's crumbling back alleys, as 764 kilometres of them have potholes and slumping pavement.

When the program is good to

go, the plan requires the city to spend about \$20 million annually to improve the majority of back alleys, bringing them almost up to par with typical city streets.

It would mean about a 0.35 per cent tax hike annually over the course of four years.

But council also voted to see if it would be feasible for crews to repair the laneways even faster, so no back alleys have an 'F' grade in 25 years.

"They're terrible," Mayor Don Iveson said Tuesday, regarding the alleyways. "We picked the faster pace to deal with this issue. We're not talking about a huge investment, but a really good return in putting back alley maintenance behind us."

Coun. Andrew Knack, who spearheaded efforts on getting the city to crack down on laneways, said he supports potentially speeding up the repairs. "We really needed to catch up," he said.

Council will return in mid-2018 to discuss if alleys can be remedied much sooner than originally planned.

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Free bus pass has youth on the PATH to success

TRANSPORTATION

Program helps people in need gain access to public transit



Kevin Maimann
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A new City of Edmonton project will give free public transit passes to 600 people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The PATH (Providing Accessible Transit Here) program, announced Tuesday, expands on a pilot project with several social agencies that targeted at-risk youth.

The Youth Transit Access Project helped 100 people and its success led the city to expand it to include adults.

"The bus pass helped me a lot to get out more," said 18-year-old Elias Thompson, who obtained a bus pass through Native Counselling Services of Alberta.

"If it wasn't for this program where I could get a bus pass each month, I'd probably still be sitting in my room playing games, doing nothing."

Thompson said having access to free transit has allowed him to get out and apply for jobs, attend school more often



Elias Thompson, 18, is one of the at-risk youth who qualifies for a free transit pass as part of the Youth Transit Access Project. The project has since expanded to include homeless people or those at risk of homelessness. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

and get to basketball games. Trent Pierre, 18, shared a similar experience.

He started working full-time two-and-a-half years ago so he could afford to move out at age 17, and he continues to work while finishing Grade 12 at school.



I don't have to worry about going out to buy a bus pass every month.

Trent Pierre

"It's helped me tremendously," said Pierre, who also connected with the pass through Native Counselling Services.

"I don't have to worry about going out to buy a bus pass every month, or having to save money or put money away for a bus pass. I just know that

the bus pass will be there so I can continue with what I'm doing."

The iHuman Youth Society, Boyle Street Education Centre, Old Strathcona Youth Society, Youth Empowerment Support Services and the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights worked with the city to roll out the initial pilot.

Its goal is to help people get to school and work, find housing, get food, attend medical appointments and access social services.

Mayor Don Iveson said the conversation started with former Human Services Minister Manmeet Bhullar, who passed away in 2015, when he raised concerns about vulnerable people entering the justice system due to warrants over unpaid transit tickets.

The Alberta government has since changed legislation to end arrests for bylaw infractions and unpaid tickets.

"Our aggressive enforcement of our fare policies, while it really looked good and like we were getting tough on the rules in the system, was actually creating mayhem for vulnerable young people who already had enough to deal with — and was creating a ton of work for our peace officers, a ton of work for our lawyers to prosecute these issues, a ton of work in the court system," Iveson said.

City makes a social investment

Council passed a motion in June 2015 to draw up proposals for a program that would give vulnerable youth access to the transit system, and that motion resulted in the Youth Transit Access Project.

In January 2017, the project was expanded to include adults and add another 500 passes.

According to the city, Social Return on Investment methodology has determined every dollar invested in the project generated \$1.92 in social investment, meaning it paid for itself in 3.1 months through avoided enforcement and associated costs.

Agencies involved with PATH track the use of passes and determined the top three uses are for health and medical reasons (41 per cent), to get food (40 per cent), and for shelter and housing (34 per cent).

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It was found that of the people who obtain transit passes through the program, 41 per cent use it for health-related reasons.

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New speed limit approved

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Advocates say city can go further with reduction



Jeremy Simes
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Edmonton's plans to reduce speed limits to 30 km/h around junior highs will hopefully make walking to school safer, says Grade 8 student Andrew Quy.

"A lot of kids skateboard or walk to school here, so I think having the lower speed limit will help," he said Tuesday.

City council voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the new limits around junior high schools. The changes mean drivers will be ticketed if they zoom past the new limit, which, for the most part, had been 50 km/h.

Some students, however, think the new speed limit might not actually deter drivers from zooming by.

"I think it helps, but people



Students cross the streets outside of Westminster Junior High. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

still go as fast as they want," said student Eva Erkovan. "But I think it's always good to look before you cross."

Coun. Bev Esslinger, who's been spearheading projects to reduce traffic deaths and injuries in Edmonton, noted city data that shows reducing speeds in

school zones helps people who bike or walk.

"For every 10 kilometres you're able to reduce, you also lower the amount of injury you have," she said. "When you decrease speed it improves life for those who are vulnerable."

Conrad Nobert, vice-chair

for pedestrian advocacy group Paths for People, said Edmonton should even go further to see 30 km/h limits in all residential neighbourhoods.

"That's what feels safe and it protects vulnerable users like children and seniors," he said. "There's lots of activity around

“When you decrease speed it improves life for those who are vulnerable.”

Coun. Bev Esslinger

school and they deserve the safety that lower speed limits provide."

Esslinger said the city's next phase could include expanding the limit to high schools and playgrounds.

"Playgrounds could be the natural next step, which is one I would consider," she said. "There are lots of kids playing during the summer time and they're not always paying attention when they're running to a playground."

A report is heading back to city council later this year to determine exactly what the next phase in implementing 30 km/h limits will be. By September, 30 km/h signs should be placed at all junior high zones across the city.

CITY OF CHAMPIONS

Councillor pushes to bring back signs

Coun. Tony Caterina wants to bring back the highly-debated "City of Champions" signs that used to greet drivers entering Edmonton.

"This has absolutely nothing to do with the Oilers' success at this point," Caterina told reporters Tuesday.

At city council Tuesday, Caterina proposed councillors debate whether or not the city should reinstate the signs, which were dropped in 2014. He said the phrase actually recognizes Edmontonians' efforts in responding to the deadly tornado in 1987, though many residents have assumed it's tied to the Oilers' Stanley Cup wins. "There are so many groups now that would like to see that moniker come back with an explanation on what that actually means," Caterina said. But Mayor Don Iveson said reinstating the sign could cause "ambiguity," as it's been brought up during the Oilers' playoff run.

"But it's reasonable for council to debate it again and for us to hear from the public," he said.

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Dead toddler's mom faces threats

HARASSMENT

Dalyce Raine blamed online, victim of 'ugly' harassment

Members of an Indigenous community in central Alberta are angry that strangers are using social media to attack the mother of a toddler who was found dead near a church in Edmonton last month.

The body of 19-month-old Anthony Raine was discovered April 21 outside the Good Shepherd Anglican Church in Edmonton.

Police have said the boy had bruises all over his body and died from a severe blow to his head.

His father, Joey Crier, 26, and Crier's girlfriend, Tasha Mack, 25, face charges of second-degree murder, criminal negligence causing death, failing to provide the necessities of life, and assault.

Some people on Facebook discussion groups have blamed the boy's biological mother, Dalyce Raine, and her



A memorial dedicated to 19-month-old Anthony Joseph Raine was set up at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, where the toddler was found dead last month. METRO FILE

family for his death.

"His mother had no clue or concern as to how her baby was living," reads one post. "A child who had no voice was murdered because not one person in his family reported what they knew."

Another post suggests the

toddler probably had fetal alcohol syndrome and should have been put up for adoption.

Yet another accuses the family of misusing money raised in a GoFundMe campaign for the child's funeral. "They are sick people tak-

ing advantage of people's generosity," reads the post. "I see a trip to Vegas in their future."

Luci Johnson, a community worker with the Samson Cree First Nation, insists the messages are full of hate and are putting pressure on a family

that is still mourning Anthony's death, she said.

"They are blaming the mother, saying it is her fault," Johnson said. "It is ugly. She just lost her little guy. All these people across the world judging her. They never even gave her time to grieve."

Johnson said she would like to file a hate crime complaint with RCMP, but there is little the Mounties can do because it's difficult to confirm who posts messages on Facebook.

A friend of the boy's family said Raine has also been harassed by strangers in nearby towns who recognize her as Anthony's mother from pictures posted on social media.

The friend said Raine is afraid to take trips from her home in the Maskwacis area to buy groceries.

"They are blaming her for the death of her son," said the woman, who declined to be named for fear she, too, would be attacked on social media.

"She didn't have anything to do with it. She can't go to town. She can't even go without people saying things to her."

Friends of the boy's mother were in court Monday when the accused couple made a brief appearance on closed-circuit TV.

Crier will appear in court again on June 5, while Mack's case has been put over to May 29. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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HEALTH

AHS confirms one surgery patient infected from machine

Alberta Health Services says one patient contracted a bacterial infection associated with a machine that is used during open-heart surgery.

Last December, the health agency notified about 11,500 former open-heart surgery patients of a risk of infection related to potential exposure to bacteria.

The Federal Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control in the U.S., as well as Health Canada, has reported a potential risk for Mycobacterium chimaera infection associated with equipment needed to keep blood and organs at a certain temperature during adult and pediatric open-heart surgery.

Dr. Mark Joffe, a senior medical director with Alberta Health Services, said open-heart surgery is done at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary and at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute and the Stollery Children's Hospital, both in Edmonton.

He wouldn't disclose where the infected patient received the surgery, but said all three sites are well aware of the problem with

the machine and have taken steps to prevent it from re-occurring.

The patient had surgery one year to 18 months before symptoms showed up. It took another several months before the patient was diagnosed.

Symptoms generally progress over several weeks and may include fever; unexplained, persistent and profuse night sweats; unintentional weight loss; muscle aches, fatigue; and

on to the other risks that have already been recognized.

"Individuals now undergoing surgery are advised they have a very low risk of this infection," Joffe said.

Until the machines can be replaced, Alberta Health Services has changed how the machines are cleaned and disinfected.

It is looking at a way to put the machine in a containment device. AHS now puts the machine as far away

Heart surgery is never zero-risk. There have always been risks of infection. Dr. Mark Joffe

redness, heat or pus at the surgical incision site.

The patient is being given several drugs to treat the infection. The chances of getting the infection are between one in a 100 and one in a 1,000. But the benefits of surgery outweigh the risk of getting the infection, Joffe said.

"Heart surgery is never zero-risk. There have always been risks of infection following surgery ... This is a small additional risk added

as possible from the patient, and the unit's exhaust system vents directly into the operating room's system, so it doesn't come back into the room.

The bacteria cannot be spread by person-to-person contact, and doctors and other health professionals in the operating room are not at risk.

Joffe said there have been two or three cases in Quebec, but no others in Canada.

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Quebecers find silver lining

WEATHER

Flood forcing residents to 'discover our neighbours'

As Liz Smart sat in a canoe outside her Montreal-area home, surrounded by several feet of water, she joked about having to make sure her husband's ashes were kept on high ground.

"I know it's morbid but it's the truth," she mused in an interview Tuesday. "He built this house 10 years ago — in three months. He was a master plumber. I was like, 'Out of all the times I need you here!' He could have come in handy."

It took only a few hours Sunday morning for the water in Smart's basement in Deux-Montagnes to reach just below the first floor. Nonetheless, she was in relatively good spirits being transported around the neighbourhood by her friend James Taylor in his rented canoe.

"When my husband died (a year ago) I was very alone; it was a very lonely time," Smart said. "This is a collective. People are smiling. They are putting things into perspective — your wealth is your health."

Not far away, the water was acting like a moat around Syl-



A member of the Canadian military sits on the front of a boat in a flooded area of Gatineau, Que., on Tuesday. CHRIS WATTIE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

“People are putting things into perspective.”

Liz Smart

vie Briere's flooded stone house but that didn't prevent her from emphasizing the positive.

"The solidarity is incredible," she said. "We have discovered our neighbours."

Briere said she and her neighbours spent Saturday night together building a wall of sand with the help of concrete blocks that were trans-

ported to the end of her street by another resident.

By 5 a.m. Sunday she was awoken by a knock at her door and the news the water had burst over their makeshift dam.

"There is no one to blame," she said, her voice quivering. "When this is over we all decided we're going to have a block party. My stepson has

a food truck and he's going to give everyone ice cream."

Roughly 130 homes are flooded in the community of 20,000, prompting the mayor to declare a state of emergency on Monday that allows municipal authorities to buy supplies quickly without having to go through the normal tendering process.

Deux-Montagnes director general Benoit Ferland said "there was nothing we could do" to save homes from the water.

"We laid sandbags very high and the water passed over," he said. "It would have taken a Berlin Wall to save us from the river."

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CARBON TAX

Program to mimic Alberta

The federal government's plan to impose a carbon tax on provinces that don't do it themselves is expected to mimic the Alberta carbon program, including rebate payments sent directly to low- and middle-income individuals.

A source who has seen the plan says the technical paper outlining Ottawa's proposal will be released next week, seven months after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told provinces they'd have until 2018 to implement a price on carbon or have Ottawa do it for them.

The Alberta model applies a tax on carbon generated by burning most transportation and heating fuels, except for those used on farms. It divides the tax revenue among income-based rebates to Albertans, a cut to the small business tax and investments in green infrastructure and renewable energy.

Trudeau and Environment Minister Catherine McKenna have always said any revenue from a carbon tax would remain in the province where it is raised, but they have been careful not to say it would go to the provincial government. By following the Alberta model, the federal government can send some of the money to individuals, bypassing provincial governments which refuse to impose their own carbon price. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sen. Don Meredith
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POLITICS

Facing expulsion, Meredith resigns over sex with teen

Disgraced Sen. Don Meredith bowed to longstanding demands to resign on Tuesday, one day before the red chamber was poised to expel him.

The resignation came in a statement Tuesday afternoon, a week after a Senate ethics committee ruled that Mere-

dith should be kicked out of the Senate for his sexual affair with a teenage girl.

Meredith said the Senate is more important than his "moral failings" and that he will "move forward" with his life.

Meredith's resignation means he avoids becoming

the first senator in Canadian history to be expelled from the upper house.

At least one senator is concerned that an ongoing workplace harassment investigation into Meredith's behaviour will be tossed aside.

Speaking before Meredith

resigned, Sen. Pierre Hughes Boisvenu said he hopes that the investigation is completed for the sake of the Senate employees who issued complaints about Meredith.

Sen. Anne Cools had been due to speak Tuesday afternoon in opposition to the motion

to remove Meredith from the Senate but delayed her speech after speaking to the embattled senator. She said Meredith's decision to quit voluntarily spares the Senate from making a difficult decision and setting a precedent.

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Hundreds of asylum seekers believed dead

Two wrecks of migrant ships in the Mediterranean have claimed as many as 245 lives, including those of at least five children, according to survivor accounts given to UN agencies and authorities in Sicily, where dozens of rescued migrants were taken.

Survivors of one wreck, some of them hospitalized in Pozzallo, Sicily, where they were being treated for hypothermia and exhaustion, told authorities who interviewed them that their traffickers had crammed some 130-140 people, apparently all from central African countries, into a motorized rubber dinghy designed to hold at most 20 people.

The dinghy started deflating on one end, the passengers quickly shifted their positions in the boat, and the craft tipped over, authorities said, based on numerous survivors' descriptions.

The dinghy wasn't equipped with any distress signalling equipment. The 52 survivors clung for hours to the wreckage of the dinghy until they were spotted by a patrol plane and rescued by a Danish cargo ship,



A woman, who asked to be identified as S.J., at a migrant processing centre in Pozzallo, Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

which was dispatched to their aid by the Italian Coast Guard.

One survivor was a Nigerian woman, whose five-month-old baby died. The infant's corpse was one of the few bodies so far recovered, authorities said.

The 22-year-old, from Benin City, in Nigeria, asked to be identified only by her initials, S.J.

In the end, she said, 82 people perished and 52 survived.

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Trump fires FBI director Comey

POLITICS

Ouster took place amid investigation into Russia's election meddling

U.S. President Donald Trump abruptly fired FBI Director James Comey Tuesday, ousting the nation's top law enforcement official in the midst of an investigation into whether Trump's campaign had ties to Russia's election meddling.

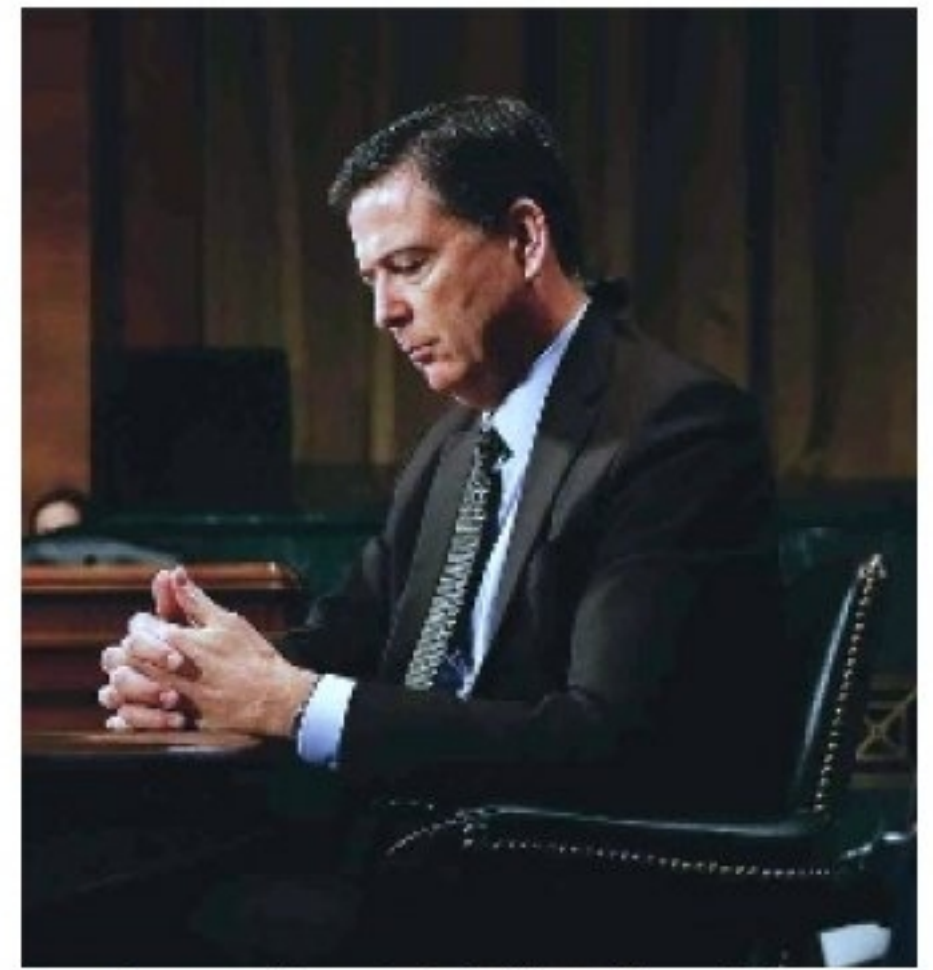
In a letter to Comey, Trump said the firing was necessary to restore "public trust and confidence" in the FBI. Comey has come under intense scrutiny in recent months for his role in an investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's email practices, including a pair of letters he sent to Congress on the matter in the closing days of last year's election.

Trump made no mention of Comey's role in the Clinton in-

vestigation. But the president did assert that Comey informed him "on three separate occasions that I am not under investigation."

Tuesday's stunning announcement came shortly after the FBI corrected a sentence in Comey's sworn testimony on Capitol Hill last week. Comey told lawmakers that Huma Abedin, a top aide to Hillary Clinton, had sent "hundreds and thousands" of emails to her husband's laptop, including some with classified information.

On Tuesday, the FBI said in a two-page letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee that only "a small number" of the thousands of emails found on the laptop had been forwarded there while most had simply been backed up from electronic devices. Most of the email chains on the laptop containing classified information were not the result of forwarding, the FBI said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



James Comey testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Global digest

Another soldier arrested in alleged far-right plot

German authorities arrested a second soldier Tuesday on allegations he was part of a far-right plot to assassinate political figures and blame the attack on refugees in a

case that has raised concerns about extremism within the military. Maximilian T., 27, was arrested on charges of preparing an act of violence. A judge ordered him held as the investigation continues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four UN peacekeepers killed in rebel ambush

A Christian rebel group in the Central African Republic ambushed a UN convoy sparking a firefight and kidnappings that left four peacekeepers

dead, eight injured and one missing, the United Nations said Tuesday.

A UN spokesman said eight fighters from the anti-Balaka rebel group were also killed on Monday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JESSICA ALLEN ON SUPERHERO BRANDING



Here are *six* Wonder Woman partnerships worth considering

Warner Bros. has joined forces with a nutrition bar called thinkThin to promote its upcoming Wonder Woman film. I know what you're thinking: Sure, the studio has had marketing tie-ins with other superheroes on the payroll — Batman got chocolate strawberry cereal — but aligning the greatest heroine with an absurdly named diet snack is outrageous and sexist. Not for me. **This is the #thinspiration I need for bathing suit season.** I say this is a chance for brands to make some money while simultaneously empowering women to lose weight and also aid them in just being better at being women.



1 Invisible airline seats

Delta and United have recently received a lot of flak for overselling their seats. Even though every airline does it, here's their chance for redemption: market "invisible seats," like the kind you'd find on Wonder Woman's invisible jet. These seats exist only in your imagination. Instead of passengers being dragged off a flight or threatened with having their children taken away by social services, flight attendants can just point to their boarding pass and say, "You're a superhero, too."



3 Saviour soles

Wonder Woman is an Amazon. The ancient Greeks used to depict Amazon battles on everything from pottery to architectural friezes, like the one on the Temple of Athena Nike on the Athenian Acropolis. Nike, are you listening? I'm thinking knee-high, shock-resistant sneakers that absorb the emotional pain of the gender pay gap.



4 Waxing kit

Those are extremely short star-spangled shorts, Wonder Woman. Three words: "bikini waxing kit." One with no soothing after-lotions because no pain, no gain, as no woman has ever said after a wax but with Wonder Woman pictured on the box I bet it will sting less.



5 Crystals

Superman's nemesis is the mineral Kryptonite. I say Wonder Woman should have a mineral—no, make that a crystal—but it makes her stronger and wards off negative energy because women and Spencer Pratt love crystals. Wear Wonder Woman's rose quartz, or maybe citrine, around your neck for health, wellness, and a clear head. Because you can't fight the patriarchy if you're thinking about what the hell you should cook for dinner. Don't forget to breathe.



2 Carb-noload

This one is almost too easy because "Wonder" is literally in their name already: Wonder Bread. All they have to do is introduce a gluten-free loaf because last time I checked, superheroes, especially the handful of female ones, don't eat carbs.



6 Useful jewels

"Frankly, Wonder Woman is psychological propaganda for the new type of woman who should, I believe, rule the world," the super hero's creator, William Moulton Marston, said in the 1940s. And we all know who's going to rule the world any day now and that is Ivanka Trump. Her job will be a lot easier with a reasonably priced Wonder Woman-inspired Ivanka Trump™ jewellery line. I'm thinking gold wrist cuffs that "deflect misogyny" and a gold lasso, which not only doubles as a belt if you cinch it but also makes those who wear it tell the truth. It'll be gender neutral of course, so perfect for Father's Day.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Public funds for print media should come with diversity targets

If our institutions won't take diversity seriously, then it's fitting they be made to do so if the government gives them money.

Last week, the federal government issued an ultimatum to universities participating in the Canada Research Chairs program. Within the next three years, schools must meet diversity targets or face funding cuts.

Currently, universities underperform in awarding chairs to four designated groups: women, people with disabilities, Indigenous people and visible minorities.

Schools are making some progress. The 2017 data shows universities met targets of 15 per cent and one per cent for visible minorities and Indigenous people, respectively.

But, as federal Science Minister Kirsty Duncan, a former research chair herself, told the Globe and Mail: "It's been a decade, and there simply hasn't been enough progress."

Thus, the ultimatum.

It should work that way with newspapers too. Some publishers are asking the Canadian government to assist the industry with its struggles and others are suggesting Ottawa step up its advertising budget for print media.

This is an opportunity. The carrot-and-stick approach might work for more than one industry lacking diversity. Canada's print media could stand to feel some pressure.

If the federal government

opts to assist the press, there should be strings attached — on diversity.

It's a truism that Canadian media is mostly white. But it's only axiomatic because the data is non-existent: the majority of print publications do not publish diversity data.

Unlike print media, the nation's broadcasters are bound by the Employment Equity Act. With varying degrees of transparency and consistency, they report their diversity efforts.

Print media has been hesitant to tackle diversity despite there being ample evidence of its benefits. It would not infringe the free speech of the press to join the rest of the nation's media in both making a profit and reflecting the nation it serves.

There are countless studies showing the value of diversity. A 2015 study from McKinsey, a global consulting firm, found gender-diverse companies are 15 per cent more likely to financially outperform their competitors. For ethnically diverse companies it's 35 per cent. There is a clear return on investment.

For the most part, it seems universities are welcoming Ottawa's demands. Self-regulation has only gotten them so far, and it's not far at all.

The academy and the press are valuable members of our society and democracy. While universities have made steps towards diversity, they can't do it alone.

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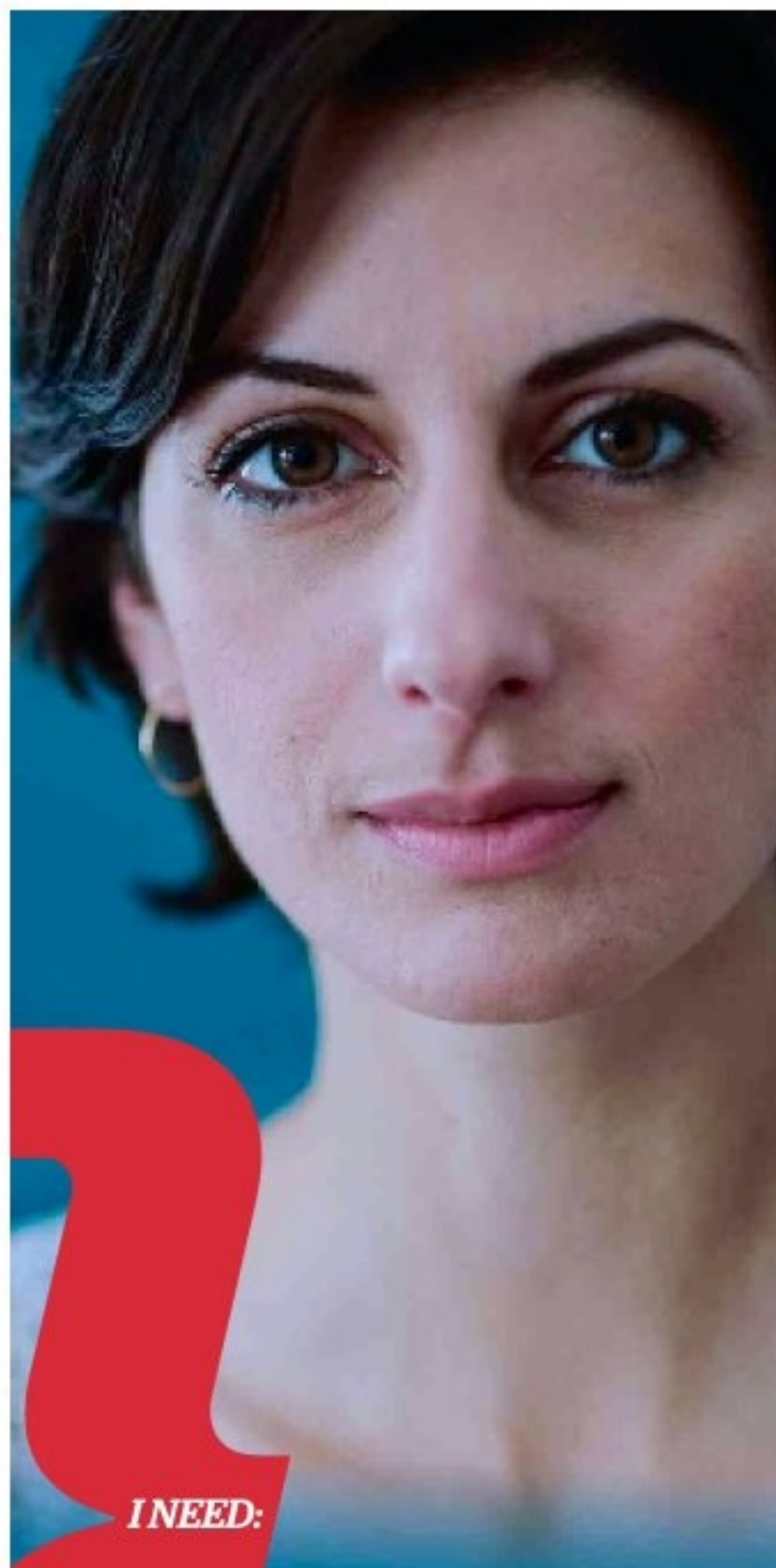
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Malts for mom: Time to close Whisky Gap

For whisky companies, Father's Day is Second Christmas. Sales teams position their fancy single malt or smooth blend as the must-have gift for dad. Meanwhile, mom gets a DustBuster. That's just not fair. It's time to close the Whisky Gap. Here are three reasons why whisky is better than a vacuum for Mother's Day gifting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DEMOGRAPHICS

Moms already spend on malts

Sales statistics suggest that more than a third of whisky consumers are women, maybe even two-fifths. So, there's a pretty decent chance that mom is already a part of the whisky-drinking demographic but has to buy her own, while dad gets bottles for free. That's just like being charged more for dry cleaning or haircuts.

The Dalmore 12 is sweet deliciousness.



SCIENCE

Hold the girly drinks nonsense

Although the spirits and cocktail world is often divided into girly drinks and manly ones, there's no earthly reason for it. Men can metabolize more alcohol than women, not different types. There's no more alcohol in brown spirits than there is in vodka or gin. And a five-ounce glass of Pinot Grigio contains the same amount of alcohol as a one-ounce pour of liquor.

Gooderham & Worts is a tribute to the whisky once made at Toronto's legendary distillery, which was once the largest in the world.



TASTE TEST

Every palate can be trained

Men and women have, essentially, the same physiological taste mechanisms. Yes, some studies have shown that more women are "supertasters" than men (meaning that there's a greater number of taste buds), but this sensitivity applies mainly to bitter compounds found in foods such as collard greens, kale or rapini. Whisky isn't generally bitter. Even if it were, most taste scientists agree that experience matters more than biology: if you can teach yourself to like bitter greens, you can learn to like just about anything.

Few Spirits all feature different images from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.



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A quirky new subcompact crossover



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THE CHECKLIST | 2018 TOYOTA C-HR

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0-litre four-cylinder
Output: 144 horsepower, 139 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Continuously-variable automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 8.7 city, 7.5 highway, 8.2 combined
Price: Starts at \$24,690



LOVE IT

- Plenty of passenger space
- Surprising driving dynamics
- Standard active safety features

LEAVE IT

- No available all-wheel drive
- Tiny cargo compartment
- Limited infotainment features

REVIEW

Smaller than a RAV4, Toyota's new CUV looks like a Scion



It's hard to believe, considering the automaker practically pioneered the segment, that Toyota waited this long to introduce something smaller than its RAV4. More surprising still, the 2018 Toyota C-HR wasn't even planned as a Toyota and was supposed to hit the North American market bearing a Scion badge. However, that brand's demise opened the door to a tiny Toyota ready to take on the likes of the Nissan Juke and Honda HR-V.

That the C-HR was initially intended to be Scion's first crossover is useful in explaining its looks, which are polarizing to say the least. The C-HR's slight exterior proportions don't, however, result in a cramped cabin. The vast majority of space has been dedicated to the passenger area. However, the C-HR comes up short in the cargo compartment, with only 538 litres of space with the rear seats upright.

Underpinning the C-HR is a variation of the architecture that is shared by the likes of the current Prius and the upcoming redesigned Camry. With plenty of torsional rigidity and a low center of gravity, the C-HR features a taut chassis that is atypical of a crossover. Add in wheels that

sit about as close to the corners as possible and actual steering feel and feedback, and the C-HR is a nimble package.

Adding to the enjoyment is the suspension setup. The subcompact crossover does well to absorb bumps and road imperfections. Dampers at all four corners reduce rebound rates.

Considering how engaging and enjoyable the C-HR can be on a twisty road, the engine propelling the C-HR is an underwhelming one. Given the way the C-HR tackles turns a torquey turbo engine would enhance the crossover's otherwise impressive performance. Also somewhat disappointing is the crossover's official fuel economy ratings.

With only two trims available — XLE and XLE Premium — the subcompact crossover starts at \$24,690 and comes with a great suite of standard safety features, including adaptive cruise control and autonomous emergency braking. Also along for the ride is a dual-zone automatic climate control system and backup camera, and a standard seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system. Smartphone interfacing systems Apple CarPlay and Android Auto aren't included just yet. The infotainment system also lacks satellite radio, though Bluetooth audio streaming is built in. The Premium trim brings the price to \$26,290, and adds a few features, including 18-inch alloy wheels, blind spot monitoring and Smart Key with push-button start, to round out the Scion-esque trim walk.

Add it all up and the C-HR looks like a solid entry in a field that will become increasingly crowded in the coming years.

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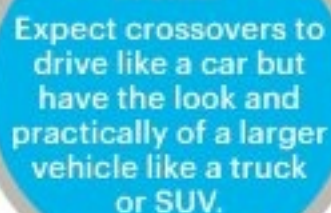
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All crossovers are SUVs, but not all SUVs are crossovers



As a result, automakers have



The 2017 Honda CR-V is based on the same unibody platform as the Civic. HANDOUT

But a new harmonization strategy means that defining a

crossover by its platform isn't necessarily accurate. Automakers have developed lightweight, modular architectures that are being used for a wide variety of vehicle types from compact hatchbacks to sedans to crossovers. The term SUV has grown colloquially to encompass all larger high-riding vehicles including crossovers, because there aren't many body-on-frame SUVs left. Naming basically comes down to marketing.

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The New Jersey Devils are on the verge of bringing back forward Ilya Kovalchuk, who spent the past four years playing in the KHL.

Maroon sets sights on foiling old team

OILERS

Rugged forward looks to further Ducks' Game 7 heartache

Patrick Maroon would like nothing more than to extend his former team's Game 7 woes another year.

The Anaheim Ducks traded Maroon to the Edmonton Oilers at the 2016 trade deadline for a fourth-round draft pick and a prospect. The Ducks even swallowed a quarter of his cap hit for two seasons to send him out the door, according to CapFriendly.com.

The 29-year-old winger doesn't regret landing in Edmonton, but when the only NHL team you've played for says your services are no longer required, there's an element of "I'll show you" when you face it in a high-stakes game.

And the stakes are stratospheric Wednesday in Anaheim, where the winner advances to the NHL's Western Conference final against the Nashville Predators.

"This would be a good feeling for me," Maroon said Tuesday in Edmonton.

"I don't know how to say it in a good way, but this would be... it would (mean) nothing more than to win this Game 7. I would love this right now."

The Ducks were eliminated from the playoffs each of the last four years by losing a Game 7 at home.

Maroon felt that disappointment in 2015, when Anaheim was ousted in the conference final by the Chicago Black-



Patrick Maroon of the Oilers handles the puck around the Ducks' Sami Vatanen during Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal at Rogers Place on May 3. CODIE MCLACHLAN/GETTY IMAGES

hawks, and in 2014 when they were beaten in the second round by Los Angeles.

"I got traded from a team that was first in the division last year and a contender for the Stanley Cup," Maroon said.

"When you go from losing one game to go to the Stanley Cup finals to being traded the following year it's kind of devastating. That's part of the business. You never know when you're safe, you never

know when it's your time to go."

The six-foot-three, 227-pound left-winger isn't complaining about where he went. He played more minutes in Edmonton where he posted career numbers of 27 goals and 15 assists in 81 games.

He's playing on the top line alongside centre and captain Connor McDavid. In six playoff games against his former team, Maroon has two goals and five assists.

There's nothing better than going into a Game 7, the excitement and what's at stake.

Patrick Maroon

NHL PLAYOFFS

Rangers put to bed in city that never sleeps

Captain Erik Karlsson scored and added an assist to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 4-2 win in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal on Tuesday night, eliminating the New York Rangers with a 4-2 series victory.

The Senators have reached the Eastern Conference final for the third time in franchise history, making it that deep into the playoffs in 2003 and 2007. They now await the winner of the Penguins-Capitals semifinal.

Mike Hoffman, Mike Stone

GAME 6 In New York

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and Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored for the Senators, and Craig Anderson stopped 37 of 39 shots.

Mika Zibanejad and Chris Kreider scored for New York. Henrik Lundqvist made 22 saves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Eskimos announce \$1.4M profit for '16

The Edmonton Eskimos posted a profit exceeding \$1.4 million last season, the community-owned CFL club announced Tuesday in its annual general report.

According to treasurer Brad Sparrow's report, the Eskimos' net profit from operations was \$2,138,450. But he concluded the club's consolidated net

profit for 2016 was \$1,417,795.

The Eskimos (10-8) finished fourth in the West Division last year, becoming a cross-over team in the playoffs. Edmonton beat the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 24-21 in the East Division semifinal before dropping a 35-23 decision in the conference final to the Grey Cup champion Ottawa Redblacks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Spurs take control of series

Danny Green scored seven of his 16 points in overtime, and the San Antonio Spurs overcame an ankle injury to Kawhi Leonard to beat James Harden and the Houston Rockets 110-107 in overtime on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Harden had 33 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists but his three-pointer in the final seconds of OT was blocked from behind by Manu Ginobili. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alves leads Juventus into Champions League final

Dani Alves inspired Juventus to a 2-1 win over Monaco on Tuesday to send the Italian club to its second Champions League final in three years.

Alves set up Mario Mandzukic's opener in the 33rd minute and got on the scoresheet himself on the stroke of halftime with a fantastic volley as Juventus swept to a 4-1 victory on aggregate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Classic Basil and Tomato Orzo Salad



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Pack up this orzo salad for a picnic, weekday lunch or use it as a dinner side since it features the universally yummy flavors of garlic, lemon and sweet basil.

Ready in 25 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked orzo
- 25 fresh basil leaves, various sizes
- 1 shallot, cut into quarters
- 1 clove garlic
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- zest and juice of one lemon
- 1 tsp honey

- pinch of salt
- 1 Tbsp water
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup shaved Parmesan cheese
- 5 mint leaves, chopped

Directions

1. Cook orzo pasta according to package directions. Set aside.

2. Place basil leaves, shallot, garlic, oil, lemon zest and juice, honey and salt in a blender (you can also use an immersion blender) with water and give it a whiz until blended.

3. Mix dressing into pasta. Stir in cherry tomatoes and Parmesan. Sprinkle with fresh chopped mint.

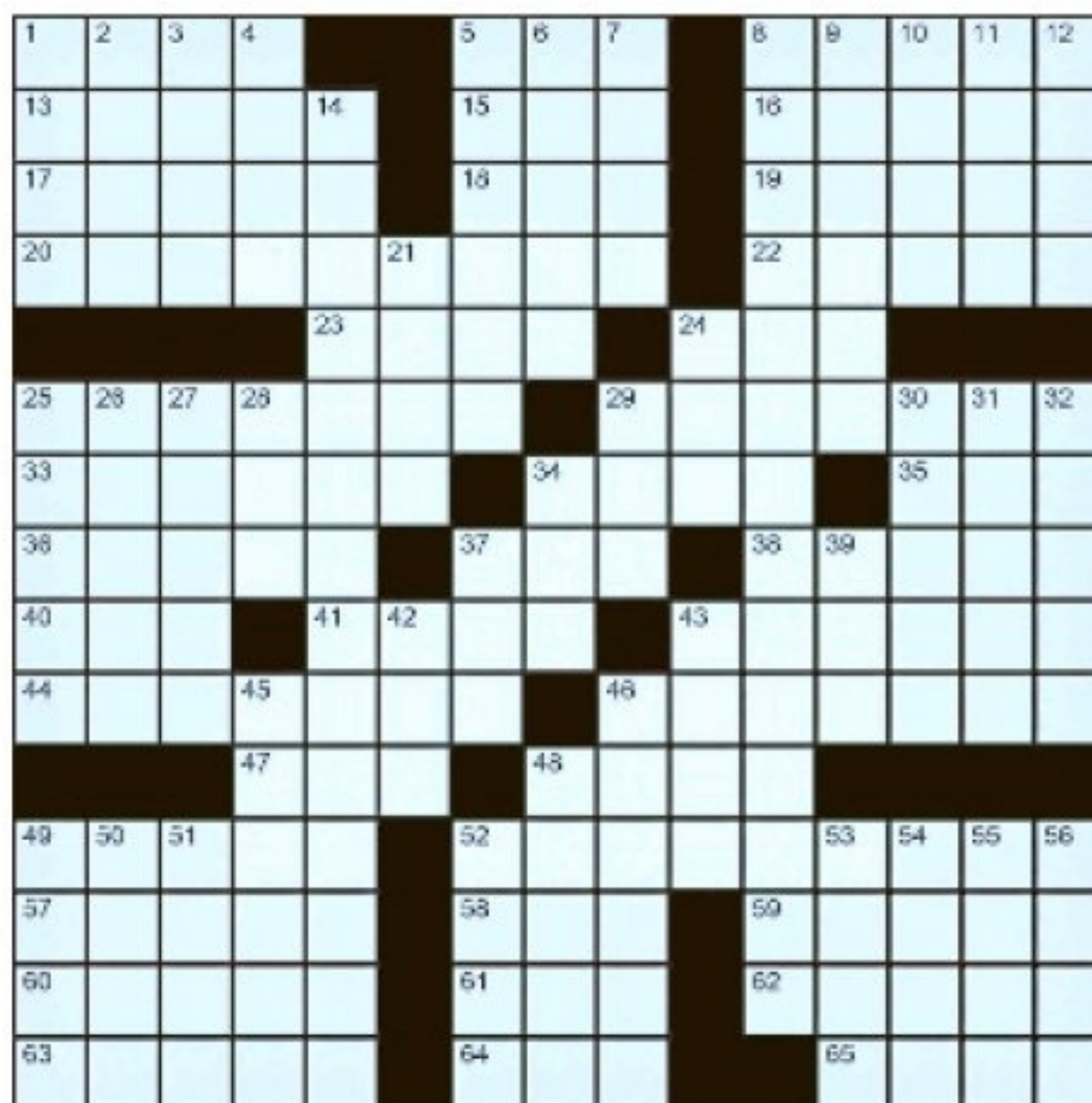
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- Overhang
- Hawaiian vol-

- cano, Mauna _
- Brawn
- Thicker, as tissue
- Chang Bunker's equally famous twin
- Fewer

DOWN

- Rotate
- Hardwood floor-

- ing choice
- Oscar-winning composer Nino
- Portable dwelling of Mongolia
- Resin-like
- Ancient praise-ful hymn
- _ a shirt in
- Vintage furnishings

- sellers: 2 wds.
- Kathie Lee, to Hoda
- Pack _ (Cease work)
- Italian actress, Eleonora _ (b.1858 - d.1924)
- Luxury hotel offerings

- Product in recent Canada-U.S. Trade headlines: 2 wds.
- Reddish-brown
- _eyed
- Thespian
- Ocean State, with Island
- Greeting _ (Hall-mark products)
- Segs. of time
- George's Beatle characteristic
- Montreal Metro station, _-Bourassa
- E.C. Segar = _ Crisler Segar (Popeye creator, b.1894 - d.1938)
- Irish poet W.B.
- Doonesbury cartoonist Mr. Trudeau, to pals
- Juice: French
- Swiss river
- _fashioned
- 'I'm _ You' by Avril Lavigne
- Come forth
- Soldier's identification: 2 wds.
- Ontario: Sarnia's lake
- 'How can I _ you?'
- Eddie's 'Beverly Hills Cop' (1984) role
- 'America's Mayor' Mr. Giuliani
- Robust, _ and hearty
- Songsmith Mr. Sedaka
- Denmark denizen
- Mark Twain story, _ Diary
- CBC's 'The National' fare

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Issues regarding money, cash flow and earnings might come to a head today. Likewise, discussions about an inheritance or shared property also might be difficult. Fortunately, these matters will be resolved quickly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today the only Full Moon that is opposite your sign all year is taking place. This will produce tension between you and partners and close friends. Have patience.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Be patient with co-workers today, because everyone can feel the energy of today's Full Moon. This makes people over-react and be too emotional.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Parents must be patient with their kids today if they want to avoid hissy fits and meltdowns. Likewise, romantic partners will have difficulty with each other. That's because this is a Full Moon day.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Some Full Moons are easier than others. This is not one of them. You might feel pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Pay attention to what you say and do because this is an accident-prone day for you. An accident could be caused by your own emotional distractions.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today, because something might create problems for you. This is a Full Moon day. Forewarned is forearmed.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place. Quite likely, this will create stress between you and others. Stay chill.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You might feel unhappy about something going on behind the scenes, but you feel you cannot speak out. This means you're doing a slow boil. This feeling will be gone in 24 hours. (Whew!)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be tactful and diplomatic in order to avoid difficulties with friends and members of groups today. People are on edge because of the Full Moon energy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid arguments with bosses and parents today, especially female authority figures. This is a particularly challenging Full Moon for your sign.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Be wise and avoid controversial subjects today — including politics, religion and racial issues — because people are emotionally upset and overheated today. It's a Full Moon, and it's a tough one.

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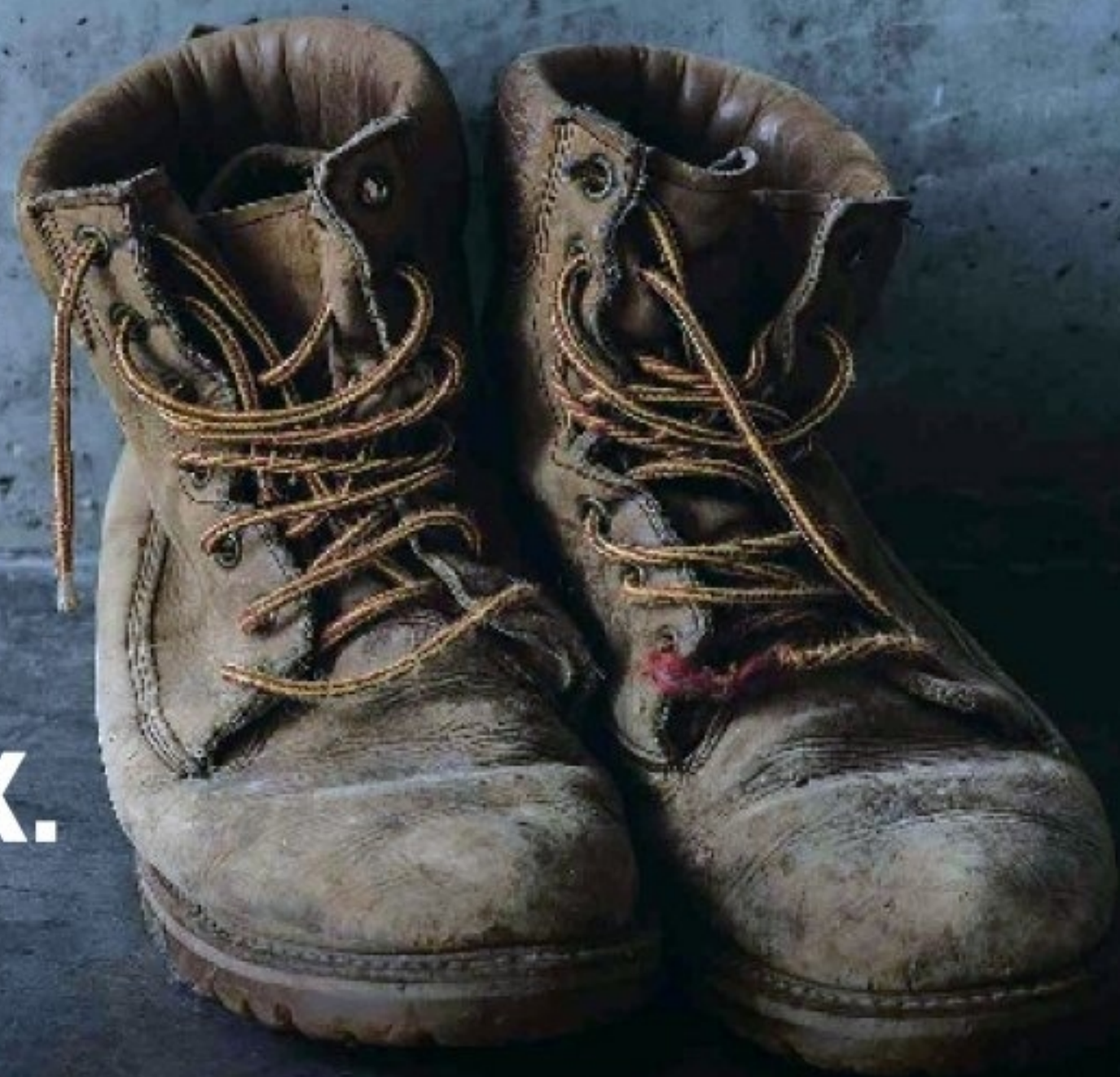
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